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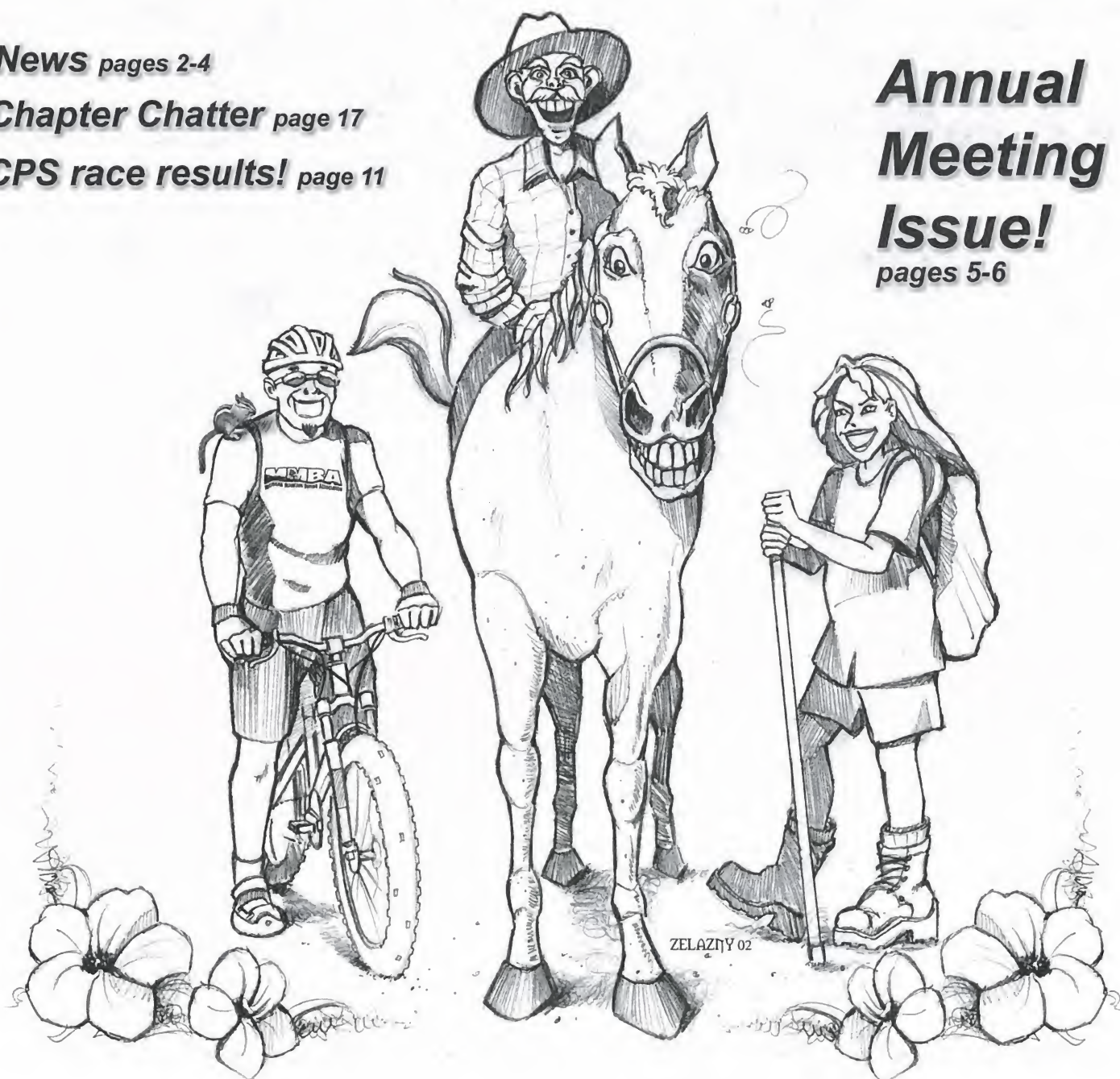
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The MMBA is continuing to push ahead on all fronts for trail advocacy in Michigan. When I look over this list of updates, it's almost overwhelming, but in a good way.

IMBA Update

I passed around copies of the latest Bent Rim Bugle to IMBA staffers and board members at Interbike. Jim Hasenauer literally jumped up when he saw the gubernatorial candidate interviews. Jim was ecstatic that we had this in our newsletter and starting showing other IMBA board members the article saying, "this is what we need other clubs to do!"

The 2003 IMBA calendar has a great picture from Marquette, marking the first time a Michigan trail has been highlighted in that publication. Michigander Kevin Bauman took the shot.

Active Michigan Initiative

For the past year, the Michigan Environmental Council (MEC) has been bringing non-motorized transportation advocates together to form a coalition. This group now has a name, the Active Michigan Initiative (AMI). AMI members include the MMBA, Rails-to-Trails, League of Michigan Bicyclists (LMB), Michigan Horse Council (MHC), numerous regional trail groups, public health advocates, and others. The mission AMI is to improve Michigan's environment for active transportation and outdoor recreation. Working together as a group, we can get much more done than working separately.

Legislative Welcome Wagon

The recent elections and term-limits have created a huge turnover among state legislators. We want to take this opportunity to meet these new faces. Rails-to-Trails, LMB, MMBA, MHC, and MEC are getting together to meet with new and existing state legislators. We want to know who are friends are and make sure they know who we are. We expect this to happen early 2003.

RTP/RIF Funding

Recreational Trails Program (RTP) and Recreational Improvement Fund (RIF) are grants funded by federal and state fuel taxes. Both are administered by the DNR with the consent of an RTP/RIF advisory board. The MMBA has expressed an interest in getting a seat on this board and we have attended the last couple meetings.

Besides being able to comment on grant funding, we also see this as a great opportunity to meet with the DNR staff, M-DOT, and other trail user groups (e.g. Michigan Horse Council, Michigan Snowmobilers Association, etc.). It's a great casual forum for discussing issues and direction for Michigan trails.

Some RTP/RIF projects to be funded in 2003 include a couple new bridges on the High Country pathway and money to resurface the Lakelands trail in Pinckney.

For more information on RTP and RIF, visit the MMBA web page, www.mmba.org/rtp_rif.htm.

North Country Trail

The federal legislation that created the North Country Trail (NCT) did not allow the federal government to purchase land for the trail. The North Country Trail Association (NCTA) is trying to change that with some "Willing Seller" legislation. This legislation did not get to the President's desk this year so the NCTA will try again in 2003. While the MMBA supports this legislation, we are concerned that the National Park Service will purchase land and not allow cyclists on these trail segments given their current no-bike policy on the NCT.

If you want more information on the North Country Trail, check our new web pages at www.mmba.org/nct.htm.

Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore

The National Park Service (NPS) is revising their management plan for Sleeping Bear. The preferred alternative includes mountain biking in the Alligator Hill area. The MMBA has submitted positive support for this plan. In addition, MMBA's Dan Harrison has met with the NPS to discuss this option.

Forest Management Plan Revision

There are three National Forests in Michigan and all of them are revising their Forest Management plans. We recently attended a public workshop for the Huron-Manistee National Forest. Our public comment basically thanked the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) for riding opportunities on their land (including segments of the North Country Trail and Big M) and acknowledged the USFS-MMBA agreement to promote mountain bike use.

For more information on this process and how you might contribute your comments, visit the MMBA web page, www.mmba.org/usfs_plans.htm.

Some DNR Facts

Ten years ago, the number one day use of the parks was its beaches. Today it's trails, with walking/hiking first, biking second and equestrian activities third. Also, Michigan is the second largest landowner in the U.S. after the federal government.

The Recreation and Trails Section has been transferred from Parks and Recreation to Forest, Mineral and Fire Management. Jim Radabaugh is Acting Section Chief.

Michigan Bike Summit

Last fall, more than 60 attendees from various government and cycling groups attended this first ever meeting in Lansing. I gave a presentation on **Partnering with Bike Organizations**, included some big plugs for the MMBA, and handed out our literature. Basically I told them we provide free advocacy, free labor, and free enthusiasm. What they need to do is keep us in the loop. Also, I mentioned the benefit of our Bike Patrol, which eliciting plenty of positive nodding.

Some Rails-Trail Facts

Of the more than 11,000 miles of Rail-Trails in the U.S., 1,309 are in Michigan. The state of Michigan owns a 300-mile railroad right-of-way called the Tuscola & Saginaw Bay line. They intend on selling it in 2004. Rails-to-Trails is looking at possibilities in preserving this for a trail.

Oakland County Trails Advisory Council

The County has formed TAC to support greater rail-trail and greenway development in the region. Representatives from all the major trail networks are on the committee along with myself. I'm wearing three helmets, so to speak: road cycling, mountain biking, and rail-trail use. While TAC is in the early stages, we expect more to come from this group in the near future.

DNR Students Report on Trail Conflicts

Two Michigan State University grad students are making a video on trail conflicts in Michigan. Both students are enrolled in an environmental journalism program.

They interviewed Jon LaBossiere, DNR Park Supervisor for the Pinckney State Recreation Area, as well as myself. They also interviewed equestrians from the Lansing area, Bob Papp (Executive Director for the North Country Trail Association), and others.

The video should be complete near the end of 2002 and we hope to get it loaded on the MMBA web site.

SCORP & LWCF

Just when you think you know all the acronyms, someone thinks of a new one. SCORP is the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and it's required for states to receive federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) monies. The LWCF monies are expected to be \$144 million per year in the U.S. with Michigan receiving about \$4 million. The money is generated by offshore drilling and mineral extraction, much in the same way the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund gets their money. While the LWCF has been around for awhile, Congress hasn't been fully funding it until very recently.

It is suggested that 75% of LWCF money be spent on land acquisition. Also, the money may be split 50-50 between state and local projects. Trails are a highlighted candidate for these funds. The MMBA attended a recent SCORP meeting and submitted comments to make sure trails stay highlighted.

The New Governor

One of my business clients co-hosted a fundraiser for the new Governor Jennifer Granholm. I was fortunate to address a couple major trail issues with her during the party.

When I introduced myself as the President of the Michigan Mountain Biking Association, she asked, "How cool is that?"

Todd Scott-MMBA President



Dear MMBA:

This is to say a huge thanks to the MMBA for its excellent support of the benefit we held for Nick Long on October 12th at the Midland City Forest.

As many of you already know, Nick was paralyzed from the chest down in a diving accident in August. The MMBA donations of the Festina watch, which was auctioned, and the generous direct monetary support for Nick say clearly that this is more than a club, it's a community. Mountain bikers may be physically tough as nails, but they have the kind hearts of saints. As of this writing we have raised \$13,495.50 for Nick and his growing family, thanks largely to the support of mountain bikers. You guys are great! Want to do more? Write a tax deductible check to Bay City Society for Crippled Children and Adults, and put Nick Long on the memo line. Send it to the BCSCCA at 701 5th St, Bay City, MI, 48708. One hundred percent will go to Nick for expenses related to his injury. The cost of making his home wheelchair accessible is not covered by insurance; the needs include ramps, lifts for house and a van, door enlargement, etc., and will probably not be complete for some time. Together we've made a big difference for a fellow mountain biker, but there is still room to do more.

Sincerely,

Jim Crissman

and Friends of Nick Benefit Committee



Nick and the gang at his benefit.

BRICK WHEELS in Traverse City was left off the Member Shops list last issue by accident and we apologize. They are back on. You can reach Brick Wheels at: (616)947-4274 or www.brickwheels.com



The Benchmark store in Historic Downtown Farmington is sponsoring the MMBA State Volunteer of the Year award.

If you want to take your active lifestyle beyond just summer biking, this is the place to shop. Snowshoes, kayaks, winter riding clothes, camping gear, adventure racing -- they have more cool stuff than dollars in your wallet, so bring a credit card.

(www.benchmarkoutfitters.com)

Also, perennial MMBA supporter Armadillo Print Wear is custom screening the Volunteer award.

(www.goarmadillo.com)



MMBA prez Todd Scott with the state of Michigan's new Governor Jennifer Granholm.

photo by: Sandy Scott

Letter of appreciation!

Fellas,

Todd Scott says you two guys are responsible for resurrecting the Tree Farm MTB Trail. When I rode it a month ago with the new additions at that time I said "Well, they made the best with what they had available." Now the past two weeks with the extended backwards Spiderman loop now at the end and the super brand new pine tree twisty up and down section the TRAIL ROCKS! Very, very nice job. Way to put in some not-totally-novice log climbs too.

I'm sure you haven't received enough praise for your work - especially with all of the cupcake riders beginning to wrap things up for the year. We run the trail on Saturday mornings (normally) and even the runners like the changes/additions.

Nice job,
Frank



MICHIGAN MOUNTAIN BIKING ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING & EXPO

February 2, 2003

Springfield Oaks County Park

Davisburg, MI

Guest Speaker:

Paul Yauk - Michigan DNR

Swap Meet

Buy and sell!!! Bring your
goods and grab a table!

10:00 a.m.

Awards!!

Ed Berta/First Across the Finish Line/
Benchmark State-wide Volunteer of the Year
& Championship Points Series



Prizes

Get in the Raffle!!

Get in the Raffle!!

Win Incredible
Swag!

Vote!

All MMBA members will
be asked to vote for board
members. We will have
ballots and the candidates
will introduce themselves
at the meeting.

Blizzard Blaster Ride!

***Grab your snow bikes and ride
beautiful Pontiac Lake.***

As in years past, the day will start with
a 9:00 AM winter ride leaving from
the Pontiac Lake Recreation Area
beach trailhead. All riding abilities are
welcomed.

For More information call 248-288-3753 or visit www.mmba.org

2003 Annual Meeting



DETAILS...

Meet Your Speaker

Paul Yauk has been with the DNR for 26 years, the last 15 with Parks and Recreation. He's a landscape architect currently working on land transactions and the both linear and rustic non-motorized trails throughout the 96 State Park network. You can expect him to bring a wealth of knowledge regarding the trails and parks we know and ride.

Schedule of Events

9 AM—**Blizzard Blaster** ride at Pontiac Lake Recreation Area

10 AM— **Doors open at Springfield Oaks with the bike and parts swap. MMBA members can display and sell their stuff for a \$5 donation.**

11 AM— **Annual Meeting Expo. Enjoy special exhibitors and Tailwinds' own Roller Races (bring your shoes and shorts!)**

1 PM— **Guest Speaker Paul Yauk. The Volunteer Awards and CPS awards for the top three racers in each CPS class. Including the Benchmark Volunteer of the Year award.**

4 PM— **Swag Raffle**

Where's the Annual Meeting?

"same as the last few years"

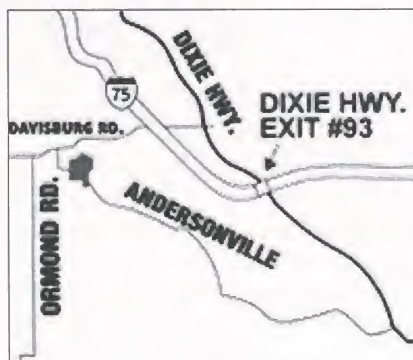


Springfield Oaks County Park



Directions:

Take exit #93 from I-75. Take Dixie Highway north to Davisburg Rd. Take Davisburg Rd. west to Andersonville Rd. Take Andersonville Rd. south to: **Springfield Oaks County Park. 12451 Andersonville Road Davisburg, Michigan (248) 625-8133**
Located north and slightly west of Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area.



SWAP MEET

MMBA members, \$5 for a spot!
For specific information on how to get involved in the swap meet contact Rick Jerrell at:
rjerrell1@comcast.net

There could be another "special guest speaker" but confirmation couldn't be made by press time.



"FEATURED SHOP" >>>>>>>>> CYCLEFIT INC.—FENTON, MICHIGAN

By Ron Stack:

We opened our new shop on March 20th, 2002. It took about a year in preparations to get there; from writing a business plan to getting bank approval to renovating an old TV repair shop into what is now Cyclefit Inc. Some days it seemed overwhelming and financially too risky, but now that the shop is open, we're really glad we did it. Not only is it the culmination of my desire to own a business, it's our cycling clubhouse!

Bicycles have always been central to my life. I lived on my BMX as a child, formed a trick team in my teens and returned to cycling after the rat race of corporate pilot life ran me ragged. So when I went soul searching about what I really wanted to do every day, I came up with being around bikes (of course, becoming a professional cyclist was also an idea at one time). I just love bikes ~ they're healthy, good for the environment and most of all fun. It's not a lucrative career, but I enjoy it and all of the other cycling geeks it has helped me

meet. The shop has also led me to more community involvement. I've participated in several "Launching Leaders" workshops which introduce local high school students to the finer points of starting a small business. I am also a member of the Fenton Chamber of Commerce, part of the planning and design committee for a local skate park, a participant in Safety Town (helps children learn the rules of the road and how to safely ride bikes) and contributor to area Project Graduations. My ultimate community goal, however, is to start a school cycling program that would create teams from each local high school and eventually become a sanctioned sport at that level.

As I mentioned before, one really nice perk to opening a shop is the great people you spend your time with. Everyone who works at the shop cycles in one form or another. Our employees, Bart and Chuck (and my wife Rebecca), all race mountain bikes, Brad and Zach compete in BMX skate parks, and I race mountain, road, cyclocross and even a little BMX.

The MMBA is also a focus of the shop. We have been personal members for many years now and encourage our customers to sign up. We keep a stack of applications on the front counter. Additionally, we support the organization with our Muddy Waters Cafe Corner where we serve Big Ring Brew coffee along with our slogan "Drink Mud for Trail Advocacy". In years past, we also volunteered for the annual Major Taylor Road Race through Team Revolution and are now proud sponsors of that organization. Aside from riding and promoting cycling, I am also working on connecting bike trails at 7 Lakes State Park in Holly.

Lastly, here's the nitty gritty on the shop:

Hours: 10-6 mon-sat, sun. we're gone ridin'

Location: 1006 N. Leroy St. Fenton (the intersection of North Rd. and N. Leroy)

Phone: 810-750-CFIT(2348)

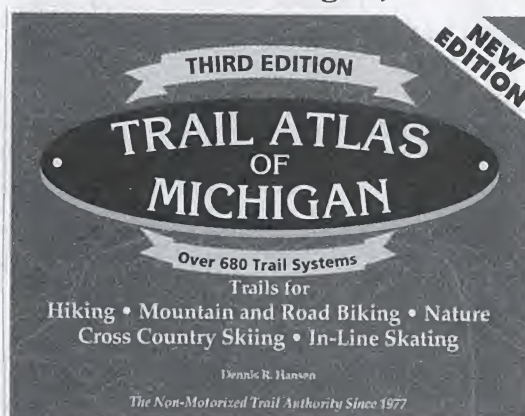
Bikes: Giant, Fisher, Raleigh, Lemond, Diamondback, Fuji, Redline, Fondriest

Fitness: Keys Fitness Equipment

Accessories: Yakima, Polar, Giro, Pearl Izumi, Nike, Sidi, Easton, Look

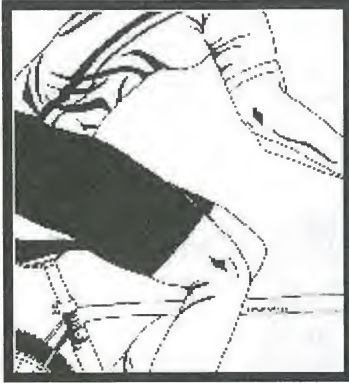


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Women and Bikes

(we might surprise you!)

A survey of members of the MMBA Bulletin Board, men and women alike were asked to share their experiences as mountain bikers: their loves, their dislikes, their stories, their inspiration.

By Steffie Fiore

It's right around this time of year that we mountain bikers might reflect on our love and dedication to the sport. In this cold, gray prelude to a long winter we leave our warm, dry homes and find ourselves bundled up on top of a bike, bunny-hopping half-frozen mud puddles and occasionally sliding out on slick fallen leaves. I believe it is a show of great willpower to leave our warm spaces and to go out into the cold for a ride. It tests our dedication. And more often than not, we rise to the occasion.

What is it in us that draws us out of bed, class, work, or whatever else we're doing, what is this that tugs on our spirits and pulls us out of our warmth and comfort to the trails? We are mountain bikers. Mountain biking is not what we do, it is what we are. Just as our friends and families may shake their heads in disbelief as we bundle up in lobster claws, booties, ear warmers, tights, and other cold-weather biking essentials, we cannot explain our need to get out and just ride. We just know that we love it, that's it's what we do, that it's a part of us. I believe that this is true of all of us, man or

"I'm just like to ride mt bikes. I really don't have anything to prove to anyone but myself. I could care less what the guys think-except to hope they accept me as a fellow rider." **April**
(from the MMBA bulletin board)

woman. After years of graduate education in feminism and women's studies, I realized I had come to cognitively dichotomize men and women, sometimes overlooking that which binds us together. I suspected that as mountain bikers, that which makes us unique people may be common among us. A survey of members of the MMBA Bulletin Board confirmed my suspicion. I asked men and women alike to share their experiences as mountain bikers: their loves, their dislikes, their stories, their inspiration. The results were amazing. I discovered an incredible amount of support for female mountain bikers, from men and women alike. Men shared their admiration, citing women mountain bikers as "independent", "tough" and "strong". Men and women alike celebrated the uniqueness of women who play in the dirt, sharing stories, thanks, humor, and spectacular tales.

"What makes me similar/different from the guys? My clothes, the guys generally don't wear pink."

Waitforme

(from the MMBA bulletin board)

Women who responded to my questions often indicated feelings of strength and gracefulness while riding their bikes. I believe that this is because, in a society where we are often portrayed as and treated as weak, the trails present us with a unique challenge and freedom. A freedom to be strong and beautiful, to eat dirt and spit and charge up a hill with everything we've got. Women discussed the prejudice they faced by non-biking others: being called tomboys, weird, or simply bearing the scrutiny of those who do not understand. And this is where the male mountain bikers who surround us women are able to understand us. The men in our life may not understand some of the wonderful and inexplicable things that we as women do... some of our quirks are undoubtedly under-

standable only to those in our gendered situation. But that which non-biking others simply cannot understand, our need to sweat, get hurt, get dirty, push ever harder, to abandon the warmth of our homes on a cold gray day and to go ride our bikes... the men among us get that. And it is this need inside us which sends us to the trails that was most often discussed by all respondents. We all are mountain bikers. Indeed, the women among us are a rare and wonderful few. But what makes us special? Is it our bumps and curves? (This idea has support from a few of the respondents.) Our willingness to transcend socially constructed ideals of femininity? This, too, was a popular paradigm. And as I support these ideas, I propose that what makes us truly special is our love and dedication to the trails, the bike, the hills, to our muscles burning and our lungs stinging from the cold winter air. This love and dedication is ungendered, and makes each of us that have it who we are, man or woman. It's what makes us unique and special; it's what makes us all mountain bikers.

"I think women mountain bikers rock ! It's a tough sport and more credit to anyone that takes it on. I think that there is nothing sexier than a fit chick with a ponytail riding a bike in the woods. Ex: Julie Furtado, Allison Sydor, Paola Pezzo, Allison Dunlap, Marla Streb, Kelli Emmett, etc. Alot of the ones I've encountered around here usually kick my butt (probably racer types)" **SANTA CRUZ**
(from the MMBA bulletin board)

2003 MMBA Championship Point Series



1. April 13th Yankee Springs Time Trial MMBA Western Chapter / Tailwind Promotions
2. April 27th Cannonsburg Challenge Fun Promotions
3. May 4th Fort Custer Stampede MMBA Southwest Chapter / Tailwind Promotions
4. May 18th Addison Oaks Spring Classic Oakland County Parks
5. June 1st Hanson Hills Challenge Fun Promotions
6. June 14-15th Whiskey Creek Stage Race Tailwind Promotions
7. June 29th Bloomer Cross Country Tailwind Promotions
8. July 13th Stony Creek Time Trial Tailwind Promotions
9. Aug. 3rd Big M Ski Area Cross Country Tailwind Promotions
10. Aug. 24th Fort Custer Time Trial Tailwind Promotions
11. Sept. 7th Stony Creek Cross Country Tailwind Promotions
12. Sept. 14th Addison Oaks Fall Classic Oakland County Parks
13. Sept. 21st Aspen Park Cross Country Tailwind Promotions
14. Sept. 28th Pando Challenge Fun Promotions
15. Oct. 12th Boyne Challenge Fun Promotions



Photos by Bryan Mitchell (www.mountainbikemichigan.com)



MOUNTAIN KIDS CORNER

New Sponsor for Mountain Kids Program

The Mountain Kids Program would like to thank Boeshield T-9 for providing chain lube for our bikes. Boeshield T-9 is manufactured by PMS products in Holland, Michigan. More information about Boeshield T-9 bike lube can be found at www.boeshield.com. If you would like to volunteer or schedule an event please contact me at:

manning@blclinks.net

Sarah Manning-Mountain Kids Program Director



Photos by Bryan Mitchell (www.mountainbikemichigan.com)



Volunteer Spotlight: Tim Lindley

Age: 40

Occupation: Unix System Administrator

Your bike: Raleigh M600



Why I ride? First started out riding a few years ago for the exercise and I thought mountain biking would be a pretty cool thing to do! I was right it is pretty cool. I love being out on the trails with nature. Other than my heart pounding and lungs ready to explode, it is very quite and peaceful, a spiritual thing for me. A great stress reliever! And a big plus is I am starting to meet people and ride with them which is also a lot of fun.

Why do I volunteer for Mountain Kids? At first it was a selfish thing. Just another chance to be out on the trail and to start meeting people from the MMBA. During the first event I did, I enjoyed the trail more than I ever had! The kids were a lot of fun; eager to go and learn. Eye's as big as saucers! It is just all around a fun program to be part of!

My favorite Mtn. Kids moment: I think it would have to be the post ride festivities! Listening to the kids' stories on how they tamed that hill or how they each were king of the mountain after climbing through the pine section near the end of the blue trail at Island Lake and of course, the wipe outs!

Thank you to Tim Lindley and all of the other volunteers that help make the program a success. *Sarah Manning*

For more information, or to schedule an event, contact Sarah Manning. manning@blclinks.net



Championship Point Series

Racing News - 2002 Final Results

Elite—		Open	
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	1722	GRUMELT, CAREY R
2	2	1555	SIMONSON, MIKE
3	3	1145	COTTON, ROB
4	4	1097	CHAMBERS, SCOTT A
5	5	1049	PARKER, JAMIE
6	6	911	STACK, RON
7	7	789	MCWILLIAMS, ALBERT B
8	8	755	GARDULSKI, MIKE
9	9	738	WELLISLEY, BARTHOLOMEW J
10	10	727	LUMMIS, JASON A
11	11	641	MULLEN, TRAVIS
12	13	242	HENDERSHOT, JOREL
	12	487	JANSEN, DAN
	14	196	DUNN, PAUL
	15	170	SKELLENGER, PETER
	16	167	BRZUCHANSKI, JOSEPH R
	17	151	BROCKENSHIRE, DR DAVIS W
	18	140	OLSON, MARK
	19	56	WHITE, NICHOLAS J
	20	37	YANKUS, DANIEL
	21	16	RYTLEWSKI, JACOB
Elite—		35+	
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	1621	KEENIHAN, JIM
2	2	1442	NOONAN, RICK
3	3	1299	SCHARPHORN, NIEL
4	4	1178	GODDARD, CHRIS
5	5	1137	RITTER, TERRENCE T
	6	842	LUCZYNSKI, DAVE
	7	583	JAMES, JIM
	8	328	JONES, L MICHAEL
	9	169	LAROE, KEVIN
	10	138	KOSIK, DALE
	11	56	BARTOS, MIKE
	12	0	MCKELVEY, ROB
Expert	Women		
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	894	MAYER, ALICIA
2	2	773	SCHUBEL, SUSAN
3	3	661	MAES, LESLI
4	4	636	STEELE, TAMMY
5	5	517	SHELLENBERGER, LAUREN
6	6	448	WILSON, SHELLY
7	7	282	COTTON, LISA
	8	210	OLSON, CHERYL A
	9	176	SCHWARTZ, ANNE
	10	152	CATALDO, CRISTIN L
	11	150	GROFVERT, ANNE
	12	56	FLOOD, CORI
	13	48	DEANGELIS, DIANE
	14	0	COX, AMY A

Expert	Men -24		
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	862	CROSS, JONATHAN
2	2	842	HEMINGWAY, GUS
3	3	828	DESILETS, JUSTIN
4	4	780	JELLUM, ERIC
5	5	560	HALL, PETE
6	6	552	KUJACZNSKI, LUKE
7	7	513	BEST, DAVID
8	8	442	FRISBIE, BRIAN
	9	195	WELLS, CHAD
	10	185	WENTZEL, ZACHARY S
	11	138	ECKART, BRIEN
	12	83	SIEBERT, MATT
	13	8	RHODES, KYLE
	14	0	BENDROTH, NATHAN R
	14	0	DAY, JAMES
Expert	Men 25—29		
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	853	COLLEY, MARSHALL
2	2	767	SYTNIK, JOHN
3	3	684	FILIPAK, CHRISTOPHER P
4	4	569	HARRIS, BRIAN
5	5	487	BERNER, MATT
6	6	443	KARS, JOHN
7	9	228	BOYER, BYRON
8	11	197	BISKEY, BILL
	7	355	NAGELKIRK, DANIEL
	8	267	PASSCHIER, RAYMOND P
	10	207	VAN HECK, BRIAN
	12	155	COATES, JOHN
	13	123	TANSEY, CHUCK
	14	99	MCDONALD, SHAWN L
Expert	Men 30—34		
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	925	TOMPKIN, ERIC
2	2	836	BOXRUD, ERIC
3	3	683	CHARLES, STEPHEN
4	4	644	HERSBERGER, ANTHONY G
5	5	595	FLORY, KEN
6	6	475	BIEREMA, BRYON
7	7	440	KOTWICKI, DAN
8	8	418	GARLAND, ERIK
9	9	331	CHENEY, DUSTIN T
10	10	280	DEANGELIS, GARY
11	11	244	KLINKMAN, THOMAS
12	12	181	INMAN, ROGER
	13	108	FERRIGAN, ANTHONY
	14	95	COOK, WAYNE
	15	28	DOUGLAS, SCOT
	16	13	WERNER, ERIC M
	17	8	AUGUGLIARO, JOHN BRUCE
Expert	Men 35—44		
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	873	FENLON, JOHN
2	2	784	HOLLIS, DAVID
3	3	773	STEURER, SCOTT
4	4	631	ZELAZNY, SCOTT J
5	5	597	WOJTALA, JOHN
6	6	517	TRIPP, LEWIS
7	7	512	MITCHELL, BRYAN
8	8	480	ERSPAMER, DARREN
9	9	466	SHELLENBERGER, DAVID
10	10	462	GALLAGHER, JAMES
11	11	404	RIEGE, KEITH
12	12	336	BAILEY, PAUL M
13	13	307	MARTIN, JAMES A
14	15	256	HAYWARD, BRUCE

15	16	213	MARTIN, JAMES P
16	17	177	CORNELL, DOUGLAS
17	19	109	LIETZ, STEVEN P
18	20	108	GIAFAGLEONE, MICHAEL
	14	287	HAHN, TOMMY-KIDDE
	18	124	FAVATA, PETE
	21	73	ANDERSON, SCOTT
	22	72	SCHUBEL, NEAL
	23	45	CONNOR, DAVID M
	24	33	LOVEDAY, TERRY
	25	3	HESCH, JERRY
	26	0	GLEESON, JON
	26	0	MORRIS, JEFFREY

Expert Men 45+

PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	895	STEWART, CALVIN
2	2	819	JURVELIN, D J
3	3	743	OSTROWSKI, ARTUR
4	4	657	BUCKALEW, CHUCK
5	5	550	ROE, GORDON
6	6	298	RYTLEWSKI, PAUL G
	7	281	MULLEN, JON
	8	221	FEDRIGON JR, DON
	9	112	WARD, DAVID E
	10	111	SNYDER, JEFFREY
	11	0	FLEMING, ART
	11	0	FRANTZ, LEE
	13	0	BOWMAN, ROBERT R
	13	0	EDDY, KEN
	13	0	WOLFF, KEN

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PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	468	WEBB, CRAIG S
2	2	420	WONNACOTT, ROB
3	3	306	CROSS, CASEY
4	4	281	RIVARD, BRIAN
	5	113	PIRIE, STEVE
	6	94	VAN ALLEN, CHARLES E
	7	80	BLUE, DANIEL
	8	60	KENNEDY, THOMAS D
	9	56	BARTOS, MICHAEL D
	10	0	BALDWIN, J D

Sport Women -18

PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	362	HENDERSHOT, CHENOAH
	2	108	CORBIN, ANGELA
	3	0	PLACE, MICHELLE

Sport Women 19-34

PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	441	TIMMONS, BRIANA
2	2	402	CLARK, MELISA
3	3	340	GRUMLOT, CHRISTY
4	5	199	MANNING, SARAH
	4	220	RAY, JENNIFER
	6	186	JOHNSON, AMYLEIGH
	7	143	MOSER, ERICA M
	8	75	BOREM, NICOLE R
	9	36	STACK, REBECCA R
	10	25	CALDWELL, WENDY
	11	0	ESKELINEN, KERILIN
	11	0	PASMA, AMY MARIE

Sport	Women	35+	NAME
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	458	BUERMAN, ANN
2	2	382	DELAVERN, JODY
3	3	375	ZELAZNY SAMSON, JULIANNE
4	4	319	FENDER, JANET
5	5	264	MARTIN, LINDA J
6	6	254	JARSKI, LAURIE A
7	9	114	WASSERMAN, APRIL
8	11	87	KING, KAREN A
	7	240	GREEN-SHRIFT, KELLY
	8	152	ANDERSON, CINDY
	10	100	SAKURAI, SHARIN
	12	87	SCURR, SHARI
	13	79	MCMAHON, NANCY
	14	61	ASH, CAROLYN
	15	29	RUIZ, LILLIAN
	16	0	MARCUS, CARLA
	16	0	PADILLA, CATHIE

Sport Men -14

PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	444	BUERMAN, RYAN
2	2	406	WOOD, TOREY
3	3	348	HOGAN, CURT
4	4	292	FABER, JUSTIN
5	5	276	BENSON, BRENDAN
6	6	179	CROOKS, RYAN
	7	30	DAY, RYAN
	8	0	MILLER, T J

Sport Men 15-18

PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	469	BILLMEIER, MIKE
2	2	434	BEST, MICHAEL
3	3	411	RENKEMA, BEN
4	4	313	CROSS, RYAN
5	5	274	STEWART, SCOTT
6	6	157	VAN ALLEN, J ERIC
7	7	36	LAROE, KOREY
	8	30	MURPHY, KEVIN
	9	0	DETRAY, SCOTT
	10	0	RENNER, SCOTT
	11	0	BARTZEN, BRIAN L

Sport Men 19-24

PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	334	HILBRANDT, MICHAEL A
	2	0	AURAND, CHRIS P
	2	0	BARTZEN, STEVE
	2	0	BORODITSCH, PAUL
	2	0	DOLAN, JUSTIN
	2	0	HOGLE, RICK
	2	0	KLISZ, GARRETT
	2	0	LACASSE, CHARLES
	2	0	LIANG, EDMUND

Sport Men 25-29

PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	502	GAFFNER, MATTHEW
2	2	441	RICE, CRAIG
3	3	439	EHMANN, PETER
4	4	271	STENZEL, CORY A
5	5	238	DERUBEIS, TONY
6	6	216	VINCENT, TODD
7	7	197	MCGUIRE, SCOTT P
8	8	171	COLSON, JOHN R
9	9	165	DART, LEE
10	10	153	ELLISTON, DAVID M
11	13	93	MANNING, MATTHEW
	11	152	PASSCHIER, RAYMOND P
	12	141	BARRY, NICHLAS T
	14	68	FUNKE, DANIEL J
	15	60	BRACKEN, GEORGE
	15	60	FELL JR, DANIEL



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	17	49	DUNLOP, MICHAEL
	18	43	GALEGO, JEFFREY M
	19	2	SONTAG, JASON
	20	0	DRAZBA, JOHN
	20	0	FRAKER, MARK C
	20	0	GOY, JASON
	20	0	GREENE, TODD
	20	0	ROSENOW, TIM
Sport	Men	30-34	
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	463	HAUSLER, ROBERT
1	1	463	PARTRIDGE, JOSEPH
3	3	411	GOTTSCHALK, EDWARD J
4	4	398	ANGEL JR, OSCAR
5	5	393	MALZAHN, ERIC
6	6	323	GLOVER, TOM
7	7	309	IDDINGS, GREGG P
8	9	259	SCARBROUGH, TODD
9	10	226	SANTIAGO, JOSE CARLITO
10	11	184	RUSSELL, PATRICK
11	12	157	SCHARP, BRIAN
12	13	143	WOLDRING, DAVE
13	15	106	SIPE, KENNETH W
14	16	100	WOODHAMS, DAN
15	23	22	BURGER, THAD
	8	260	MILES, MIKE
	14	138	PIPHO, DAVID
	17	63	WERTH, CHRIS
	18	42	SIETING, TODD
	19	40	GRIFFIN, MATT E
	20	30	CIESLAK II, THOMAS J
	21	29	DUFORT, ROBERT
	22	27	ESKELINEN, BRIAN
	24	7	FLATAU, TODD K
	25	0	CUNNINGTON, PIERS
	25	0	ELFORD, CRAIG
	25	0	FAILLE, CHRISTOPHER
	25	0	HUG, EDWARD
	25	0	KACZMAREK, BRIAN T
	25	0	KOHLMANN, TED
	25	0	MAYHAK, PETE
	25	0	MCHUGH, TOM C
	25	0	MEIKLE, JEFFREY J
	25	0	NICKODEMUS, PAUL
	25	0	SCHAMS, JEFFREY J
	25	0	SIMS, EMILIANO
Sport	Men	35-39	
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	500	CONSTANTINEAU, SCOTT
2	2	496	TRYON, JEFF
3	3	431	HOPKE, TODD
4	4	394	GRASL, TOM
5	5	346	VEGA, ARMANDO
6	6	304	WILLIS, SCOTT T
7	7	291	SPRAGUE, DAVE
8	8	283	QUEENER, DOUGLAS G
9	9	258	GUYNN, RON
10	10	229	FULSHER, JOE
11	13	154	BALOGH, STEVEN A
	11	168	WITTBRODT, JEFFREY
	12	155	HAYS, CRAIG W
	14	148	GRANT, KEVIN
	15	136	FARMER, FRANK
	16	82	LEIKERT JR, JAMES A
	17	79	WOLDRING, ROBERT J
	18	77	KERR, BILL
	19	73	OLIVEIRA, GARY A
	20	64	LINING, THOMAS P
	21	58	PETERS, GREG
	22	39	LANDERS, MARK V
	23	20	ZANKE, JAMES

	24	17	CATALFANO, WAYNE
	25	15	DION, MICHAEL R
	26	0	BARKER, MARK
	26	0	DOOLEY, BRIAN E
	26	0	GODIN, DAN
	26	0	KALINA, RICHARD
	26	0	ROZEGNAL, JOHN
Sport	Men	40-44	
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	508	DYKSTRA, STEVE
2	2	495	FABER, JEFF
3	3	486	PICKETT, CRAIG
4	4	397	CURTIS, TIM
5	5	262	SZUBIELAK, PATRICK
6	6	258	LAVALLEY, DAVE
7	7	210	HAMILTON, SHAWN
8	8	204	HALL, MARTIN
9	9	178	GUYNN, JOHN
10	10	173	ROODVOETS, TIM
11	12	145	MURPHY, DENNIS B
12	14	101	SNYDER, HAROLD
	11	165	SOUTHWELL, GREG
	13	135	ROTH, FRANK A
	15	99	HOAG, STEVEN R
	16	88	BUERMAN, JEFF
	17	69	EDDY, PETER W
	18	65	GUARD, DEAN
	19	33	CLARK, STEVE
	20	28	SNOW, BILL
	21	25	STEVENS, MARK D
	22	11	PLACE, DAVID
	23	10	DUGAN, DANIEL J
	24	0	ATKINS, DERALD
	24	0	GEFFEN, BRUCE
	24	0	GOSEN, DAN
	24	0	KALINA, CURTIS
	24	0	MILLER, JOEL
	24	0	PIATT, STEVE
	24	0	PRICE, STEVE
Sport	Men	45-54	
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	521	KARBOWSKI, GREG
2	2	435	LINDHOUT, BILL
3	3	414	MASEY, DENNIS
4	4	388	KINLEY, STEVE
5	5	376	MCCLELLAND, KEVIN D
6	6	336	KEANE, VIN
7	7	233	WATT, WESLEY
8	9	174	KAUFFMAN, MICHAEL
9	10	163	ALDRED SR, MICHAEL
10	15	100	MURPHY, THOMAS F
11	17	89	CROOKS, GREG
12	18	84	FRISBIE, RAY
13	23	31	TOWNSEND, J AVERILL
	8	231	KIHLSTRAND, TERRY L
	11	158	JEFFERS, DENNIS E
	12	130	HALLWOOD, MATT
	13	102	BOTENS, WILLIAM
	14	101	SKURKA, JOSEPH
	16	98	ELDEN, JOSEPH G
	19	83	CATTANACH, KEITH
	20	67	OSWALD, ALEXANDER
	21	50	BAKER, ROBERT
	22	36	JOHNSON, NICKOLAS C
	24	18	GUTSCHOW, STEVEN
	25	5	YACUB, JAMES
	26	2	LOVETT, RICHARD
	27	0	MAKI, TOM

	27	0	OWENS, TOM
	27	0	PLUTA, JAKE
	27	0	POIRIER, DAVE
	27	0	SANDBORN, DAN
	27	0	VELEZ, ANDY
	27	0	WISMER, JOHN
Sport	Men	55+	
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	365	GALBRAITH, JOHN Y
2	2	360	NEEDHAM, MICHAEL J
3	3	281	PATTON, CLIF
	4	199	MOLLOSEAU, GARY R
	5	162	HUNT, JOHN
	6	101	COOK, GARY
	7	59	RICE, LAVERN A
	8	56	VANDECAR, DENNY
	9	0	CLINARD, RAY
	10	0	ALLEN, GORDON
	10	0	PUTZKE, ED
	10	0	SPANIOLO, MIKE
Tandem			
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	444	LOVEDAY, TERRY
2	2	400	CONNOR, DAVID M
3	3	355	SCURR, ROBIN A
	4	41	MILLER, JOEL
	5	38	AEBLI, FRED
	6	0	LAKATOS, DONI & DAVE
Single	Speed		
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	461	KEENIHAN, JIM
2	2	373	NEUMANN, RICHARD
3	3	352	WERNER, ERIC M
4	4	324	LAROE, KEVIN
	5	215	SCOTT, TODD
	6	166	JONES, JAY L
	7	35	RENNER, SCOTT
	8	4	KLINE, RYAN E
	8	4	POZY, JOE
	10	0	GARDULSKI, MIKE
Beg	Clydes-		
	dale		
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	268	PISKE, DALE D
2	2	182	WALKER, ROBERT
3	3	142	WILSON, JEFF
4	4	86	BURT, JOHN M
	5	18	RHOADES, DAVID
	6	0	SMITH, BRIAN B
Beg	Women	-14	
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	224	HENDERSHOT, KETURA
2	2	207	WOOD, AMBER
3	3	192	IDDINGS, BRIANNA
	4	48	AEBLI, BETHANY
	5	20	DOMER, KAREN
	6	0	SMITH, ELLEN
Beg	Women	15-18	
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
Beg	Women	19-34	
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	201	BUONASSISI, SANDRA
2	2	172	JOWETT, CHRISTINE
3	3	140	OUELLETTE, LAURA
4	4	113	TERRELL, JULIE
	5	23	BOCCACCIO, ANGIE
	6	0	DOAN, LORI
	6	0	KUNKEL, TRISH
	6	0	SAMMONS, PAULA R
	6	0	ZECHEL, KELLY
Beg	Women	35+	
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	206	WYNALDA, KATHY
	2	48	AEBLI, JANET
	3	0	JOHNSTON, CAROL
	3	0	KATO, JACKIE
	3	0	MAYO, THERESA
Beg	Men -14		
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	302	CULBERTSON, SETH
2	2	234	SCHMID, MICHAEL
3	3	229	CRISMAN, HENRY
4	4	222	HOLLIS, CAMARON
5	5	164	MURPHY, BRENDEN
6	6	120	GRASL, BRAD
7	7	114	VIS, COLIN
8	8	42	GARCIA (LAROE), AARON
	9	27	LAZAROS, SHAUGHN
	10	8	PLACE, NICK
	11	0	BRODEUR-BUNKER, DARCY
	11	0	KOWALESKY, JEFFREY L
Beg	Men	15-18	
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	168	KELLER, ANDREW
2	2	167	FRISBIE, ERIK
3	3	106	STEERS, BRIAN
	4	67	RENNER, RAY THOMAS
	5	44	DUNLOP, MAXWELL
	6	39	FINNEY, JARED
	7	24	BOOTHBY, ROB
	8	19	WELBS, DANIEL
	9	9	KOBE, RYAN
	10	3	SAFFORD, MARK
	11	0	PLACE, MIKE
Beg	Men	19-24	
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	241	HORTON, BART
2	2	198	MILLER III, DONALD
	3	42	PAYNE, KEVIN
	4	14	KOZAK, GERRY
	5	0	IVEZAJ, GEORGE
	5	0	KLOECKNER, RICHARD
	5	0	WARDELL, JOSH
Beg	Men	25-29	
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	287	CERGET, JEFFREY A
2	2	257	LOVE, BRANDON
3	3	214	EDWARDS, KEVIN
4	4	148	O'CONNOR, SHAWN
	5	22	STEINER, JON ERIC
	6	21	BUDZIK, MICHAEL
	7	21	SADEK, ERIC
	8	19	FABER, GERALD
	9	11	HOHENSEE, DAVID
	9	11	RYTLEWSKI, JAMIE
	11	0	EVANS, BRIAN
	11	0	FLORY, WILLIAM
	11	0	THOMAS, BRYAN F
	11	0	TIERNAN, JOSEPH
	11	0	WIDAK, THOMAS J
Beg	Men	30-34	
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	279	HECKMAN, PHIL
2	2	276	KONOPKA, THOMAS P
3	3	259	OUELLETTE, RICHARD
4	4	188	HEFT, JON
5	5	181	CLAY, SEAN

6	6	170	PAQUETTE, KEVIN
7	7	132	HISCOCK, TIM
8	8	103	FORREST, JAMIE
9	9	97	MERRITT, DOMINIQUE
10	11	79	STEGGALL, TODD J
	10	82	AUSTIN, JOHN
	12	78	BOYD, KEN
	13	19	DONOHUE, PATRICK A
	14	14	LITTLE, KENNETH H
	15	10	VANSTELLE, DUANE & ERIN
	16	5	KILBY, KEVIN
	16	5	TRANCYGIER, MARK
	18	0	DELANEY, MATT
	18	0	DOAN, NHUT
	18	0	FORSHEY, JEFF
	18	0	GILLEN, BRIAN
	18	0	MULARONI, MATT
	18	0	PACHUCKI, KENNETH M
	18	0	SPICER, TROY
	18	0	THOMA, PAUL

Beg	Men	35-39	
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	277	KOZICKI, RON
2	2	256	BIEK, KEVIN
3	3	244	KAHL, KEVIN
4	4	220	LONG, NEIL
5	5	183	CROWTHER, DAVID
6	6	143	SKIPWORTH, KEVIN
7	7	118	WENDEL, BERNARD
	8	66	LAZAROS, SCOTT
	9	20	BLODGETT, JOSEPH R
	10	19	OBEY, DANIEL
	11	6	PIA, JOE
	12	0	BARNES, CHARLES
	12	0	EMMER, TONY
	12	0	GRANT, RON
	12	0	MALARKEY, THOMAS W
	12	0	PARKER, GREG
	12	0	ZECHEL, KIRK

Beg	Men	40-44	
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	245	MITCHELL, GEORGE C
2	2	161	CHRON, PERRY
3	3	95	PEAY, JOSHUA
	4	62	O'DONNELL, DENNIS
	5	20	NOVAK, JEFF
	6	18	WEAK, GARY
	7	0	BEAN, RON
	7	0	JAFFKE, TIM
	7	0	LAMBERT, JOHN T
	7	0	MANFREDI, JOHN

Beg	Men	45+	
PLACE	OVERALL	POINTS	NAME
1	1	271	HALLWOOD, MATT
2	2	229	TOMASSONI, JIM
3	3	171	HOGAN, CLARK
4	4	170	SZUBIELAK, BILL
5	5	168	LOVE, JEFF
6	7	128	CRISMAN, JIM
	6	132	KELLER, RICHARD
	8	107	DUTHIE, SCOTT
	9	105	BUDDY, MARK
	10	48	KLEIN, ANTHONY J
	11	36	YANKE, FRANK
	12	35	FOSS, KEN
	13	26	CLOS, PAUL
	14	13	FROEHLICH, DENNIS

15	0	KLOECKNER, MICHAEL
15	0	MERRILL, DWIGHT
15	0	PASQUANTONIO, DEE
15	0	RIVARD, BRIAN

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Novi Tree Farm – The Phoenix Trail

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Back in 1995, or so, a small group of Novi mountain bikers secured permission from the City to build a mountain bike trail. The new trail was built on 500 acres of undeveloped parkland at North Novi Park, affectionately known as the Novi Tree Farm, because of its past history as a Christmas Tree Farm and Orchard. With the help of MMBA volunteers, a new 6-mile MTB trail was created. And while it never really became a destination trail, locals were fond of it and it remained a scrappy little gem, never crowded, never hunted, and always prized for its abundance of blackberries along the trail. Then, in October, 2001, the City of Novi sent out an information letter to all residents announcing a plan to sell 75-90 acres of prime parkland in North Novi Park to settle a \$70 million lawsuit with a developer. The plan was controversial, and generated much public outcry, including the birth of the *Friends of Novi Parks* (www.friendsofnoviparks.org).

The Friends of Novi Parks along with the support of many MMBA members, successfully sued the City to prevent them from selling the land. Either the City could let the people vote or change the master plan in order to sell the land legally. To insure a speedy land transfer the city chose to avoid a messy vote, and instead, the master plan was changed to say that 75-90 acres of the park was no longer a park, and could be sold. When the bulldozers finally stopped, three miles of mtb trail were gone forever. Things looked bleak for the mountain bike trail, for what trail remained was fragmented and not connected.

But mountain bikers are a persistent bunch, and a few determined souls spent many hours bushwhacking through the underbrush in Spring, Summer & Fall '02 to find a way to connect the trails that had been hacked short by the developers bulldozers. They worked alone, and in groups, and found some amazing terrain to re-link the fragments of the old trail. They made it faster and more technical – and most importantly, a lot more fun. They were able to reclaim the lost mileage and then some. The Tree Farm mountain bike trail is now over 7 miles of sweet, wooded single track. It is a beautiful place to be on a crisp fall morning biking, running or walking the dog.

A "grand opening" party was held on October 26 with a group of bikers and their families from the MMBA bulletin board. Over 50 showed up to ride and eat and drink and socialize. The new trail was broken in and word is starting to spread that the Tree Farm is back – with a vengeance!

Thanks to everyone who helped bring this trail back from the ashes.



DIRECTIONS:

1-96 to Novi Rd, North to Old Novi Rd left, to South Lake Drive, turn left to the Lakeshore Park Entrance (½ mile). Follow the signs to the mountain bike trailhead.

<http://www.mmba.org/trail.htm#ntf>
and if you want to see the map:

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Chapter Chatter

Pontiac Lake Chapter News

Thanks go to everyone who helped out this year at Pontiac Lake Recreation Area. All the many, many volunteers should be very proud of all the hard work they put in on the trail segregation project. Also, thanks go to Armadillo Printwear in Berkeley for the free t-shirts they donated to bribe folks into coming out for some of the late summer workdays. Thanks also go to Clif Bar, Inc. (www.clifbar.com) for the hundreds of Clif Bars they gave us throughout the year that fueled the trail workers and kept their energy up! Next year, the chapter plans to expand the bike trail system to a total of about 12 miles! See you on the trails and see you at the workdays.

Shari Scurr, Pres. Pontiac Lake Chapter, pontiac@mmba.org



Photo by Bryan Mitchell (www.mountainbikemichigan.com)

Working on the Pontiac Lake Trail.

Northern Chapter News

A lot has happened in the past year!

We completed Aspen Park Singletrack in June. It took us 18 months of work to layout and construct the six mile loop in Gaylord. The crowning of this trail was the final CPS race of the MMBA/Festina series held Sep 29. We are looking forward to hosting another race next season. We will be sure to keep the woopy doos in place so bring your FS bikes instead of hardtails.

We elected/replaced a couple of board members. Bill Snow had to step down as chapter VP, Harold Ward had to step down as Treasurer, and Wini Kolka had to step down as Secretary. We were able to bring on board Chris Brandt as our new Secty/Treasurer.

The Shingle Mill Pathway in the Pigeon River Forest, north of Gaylord received many hours of trail work. We were able to save an entire hillside from eroding away by installing rolling grade dips. We installed several hundred linear feet of geo-textile material with Afton stone on top along the river where the trail went through a very low swampy area. Plus we installed several more



Work on the Shingle Mill Pathway

rolling grade dips on various sections of trail. The DNR is very happy with our results and is looking forward to us helping them in the future.

We exposed the MMBA to the U.P. by attending the popular Copper Harbor Fat Tire Festival over the Labor Day weekend. Additional exposure of our efforts was made through the local rag, "U.P. Mountain Biking" plus personal and phone contact with all local bike shops in the U.P. Look for more activity and memberships coming out of this very cool area.

We had our first ever Northern Chapter raffle. While raffling off two very cool bikes plus some other swag, we raised over a thousand dollars. That money is to be used for additional exposure of the MMBA Northern Chapter and our mission throughout the chapter area. Stay tuned for next year's raffle.

Many individuals and local businesses stepped up and donated either money or merchandise for us. WalMart, in Gaylord, donated \$500.00 cash for us to purchase a digital camera and accessories that we purchased from them. Check out the web site for some of our digital photos. Pat Heron donated enough money personally for us to purchase signs for Aspen Park Singletrack. Scheer Motors, in Grayling, donated a PC for us to use and Jay's Sporting Goods has continued their donations with several more items including the Yakima Bike rack as a raffle prize and personal folding saws for trail maintenance.

We took advantage of the election year by meeting personally with the local politicians and letting them know that we exist and expect their attention when necessary.

Last but by no means least, we had our first ever Bike Expo in Mackinaw City in early June. While that event wasn't as successful as we had hoped, we are planning on doing it again this year. We will be working with the chamber of commerce this time as they also do the Tour de Mack bike ride and want us to have the expo in connection with their event. The one aspect of the expo that was especially successful was the camaraderie and awesome

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bike rides over the weekend. It's really neat riding along the shore of Lake Michigan with the mighty Mackinaw Bridge in view.

I'll tell you what, with all the stuff we did, I feel like we could have done more with more volunteers. If anyone reading this feels like contributing to your local chapter, please do so. Even an hours worth of effort pays off in huge ways. Many, many thanks to all of our chapter volunteers who took time away from their families and personal interests to keep the trails open and in good condition.

Northern Michigan has the best singletrack and the best volunteers in the state. Come up and pay us a visit, I'm confident you will leave feeling the same as I do. See you soon!

Ride On!

Eric Isaacsen

Northern chapter president

Southeast Chapter News

SE Vol. Of the year!

Mike Flack. Mike did a phenomenal amount of work on the revitalized Novi Tree Farm trail. He also organized the highly-successful Bulletin Board BBQ Bash.

Bald Mountain Land Swap?

A developer is working on a land swap with the DNR. They want a portion of the park property in the West unit that abuts M-24 in exchange for equivalent acreage added to the North Unit, specifically the northwest corner up to Indianwood (the Brown property.)

First, the parcel on M-24 is worth far more money. Second, there is concern that this will further disconnect the West unit from the others, especially for future trail use. Third, according to Bill Stark (former Park Manager), that Brown property would be a great addition, and in fact he's tried getting funding to purchase it in the past.

Kurt Winter (Friends of Bald Mountain) is looking at getting both properties assessed. We might be supportive of a land swap if (a) both pieces of land have equivalent monetary value, and (b) we get an easement or keep a portion of land to let us connect to the West unit in the future.

We're very fortunate that Kurt is keeping a close eye on this issue.

And while some Friends members grumble about bikes on the trail, Kurt recognizes and thanks the MMBA for all the work we do on the trail. Bill echoed that sentiment.

Clinton River Rail-Trail

M-DOT recently announced \$152,000 in grant funding to surface the Clinton River Trail in the southwest corner of Pontiac.

Oakland County Aerial and Topo Mapping

The County mapping group now has three PC workstations that let you look at any property in Oakland County. The PC shows the aerial view at resolutions as fine as 1"=100'. Property lines are overlaid. Depending on the resolution, you can also enable

contour lines at either 2' or 5' increments.

I printed a couple maps (\$15 for a 22x34 color print out), one of Stony and another of Bloomer. Each has 2' contour lines. Wow. Very cool.

This is an incredible tool for laying out trail. Unfortunately you can't access the electronic images. It would be nice if we could overlay a GPS trail routing.

The Mapping office is in the Executive Offices just west of the County Courthouse on the east side of Telegraph in Pontiac.

Northville Township?

The Southeast Chapter is giving a presentation to the Parks and Recreation Committee to discuss possible trail opportunities within the Township.

Poto Chapter News

Next time you are out at Brighton Recreation Area, be sure to put in a lap on the 2 mile Appleton Lake Loop. This trail is shown in the MMBA Trail Resource Handbook, but here is some more detail. To get there from the trailhead parking lot, ride out the way you drove in, and when you get to Bishop Lake Rd, turn left (toward Chilson Rd). Ride about 100-200 yards and you'll see a narrow trail dive down off to your right. That is the entrance and exit to this trail. After you cross a dip, the trail splits. One way is the entrance and the other is the exit. You can go either way since not enough people ride it yet to mandate one way travel. If you go right, you'll ride about 0.75 miles and you'll reach a campground access road. Cross the road and you'll bear to the right to continue the trail. You'll ride a loop that is approximately one mile, then you'll return to this campground access road. Go back across this road and to continue the trail, you'll enter the woods just a few feet to the right of where you exited this section of woods one mile earlier. After about a 0.25 miles, you'll get to the ditch and to Bishop Lake Rd. It's a nice way to add some length and variety to your Brighton Ride.

As far as next year's trips are concerned, we plan to utilize some of our new Pennsylvania contacts and plan some trips there. Western PA is the closest place where Michiganders can go to experience 1000 ft singletrack descents. But, we'll need local knowledge to find them. Or maybe a few issues of *Dirtrag*. We'll try to combine this with some of western PA's other attractions: mountainous hiking, rock climbing, rafting, etc. Look for info on the Poto chapter link starting next spring. Of course, you'll also want to join the group for our annual North Country trail/Big M trip which is the weekend after Memorial day. I'm looking forward to it already!

Holly/Flint Chapter News

Hope everyone had a great summer riding. It is hard to believe the winter months are upon us already. The Holly/Flint Chapter had some new and exciting changes this year.

As a Chapter we were able to start a Mountain Bike Patrol within our ranks. Special thanks go out to Dave Stewart for his many hours of organizing and getting the program put together. We

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currently have seven patrollers within the chapter and look forward to other joining this very worthwhile program. Our current patrollers did a wonderful job this past summer helping keep our trails safe and enjoyable for all trail user groups.

The chapter's trail maintenance days were especially rewarding in my opinion. We had several friends of chapter members come to help maintain the trails. We also had other MMBA Chapter members join us for workdays. Maybe the most rewarding was the few non-member individuals that came out to help. As a chapter it us the opportunity to share the MMBA philosophy and goals with others, and hopefully recruit them as future chapter members. As we all know recruiting others to our beloved sport guarantees it's future. Let's all try to bring one new member into the fold next year.

We have also had a change in leadership this fall. Rick Jerrell has stepped down from the Chapter Presidency and has taken on the position of one our trail coordinators. Rick has served as

either vice-president or president of our chapter for many years. We are very grateful for the leadership, dedication and long hours Rick has given to the chapter. Though, Rick has left the presidency, he is still with the chapter and I know we will continue to benefit from his dedication to the MMBA. All of us in the chapter are looking forward to actually riding with Rick now that he will have some time to get out and participate in the sport he has given so much to.

From all the Holly/Flint Chapter members, we hope your winter is safe and enjoyable. If you get a chance and the day is nice try a winter ride. For those who don't get out this winter, we will see you in the spring.

Bradley J. Eshbaugh
President, Holly/Flint Chapter

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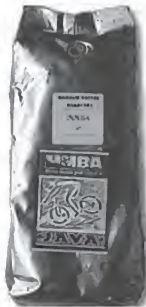


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